# Executive Proclamation

## State of South Dakota

### Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, Communicative disorders, including hearing loss, speech impairments and related language deficiencies, constitute our nation's number one handicap, affecting many people in South Dakota alone and millions of people nationally; and,

WHEREAS, Most people with such problems can be helped through medical treatment, surgery, hearing aids or appropriate therapy; and,

WHEREAS, The first step toward obtaining help is knowing that it is available; and,

WHEREAS, The leading national and regional organizations concerned with hearing, speech, and language problems have joined together in a common desire to promote public awareness through an intensive annual effort; and,

WHEREAS, Such an effort will help encourage and stimulate early detection of communicative disorders, proper prevention and treatment, and greater public understanding of hearing, speech, and language impairments:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 1989 as

BETTER HEARING AND SPEECH MONTH

in South Dakota, and I urge all citizens of South Dakota to learn more about hearing, speech, and language disorders and to join in the effort to create a more enlightened public attitude and response to this, our nation's most widespread malady.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-Seventh Day of March, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Nine

GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

JOYCE HAZELTINE, SECRETARY OF STATE